
REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1887.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

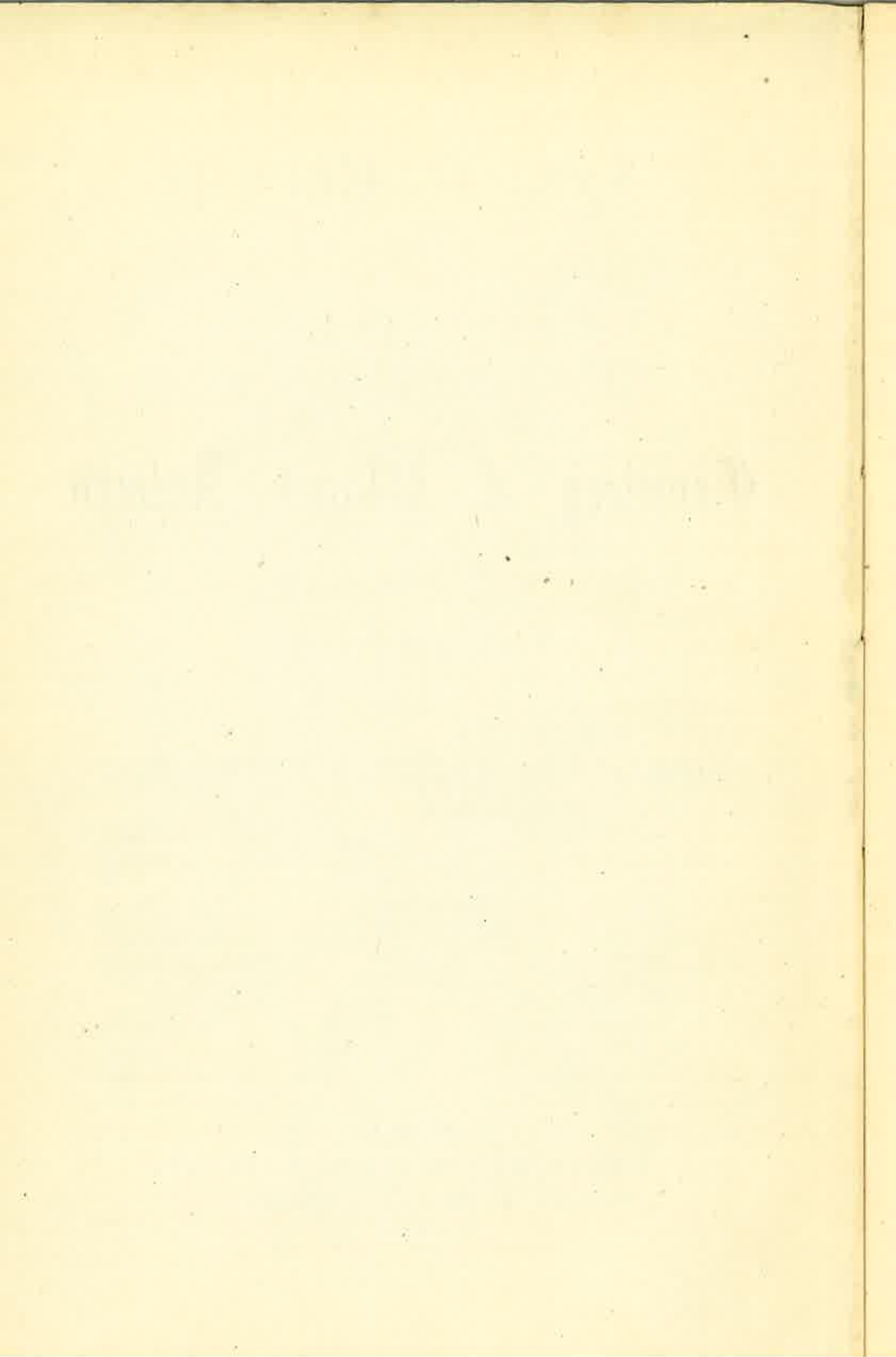
TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	" " 1892.
JEROME JONES	" " 1892.

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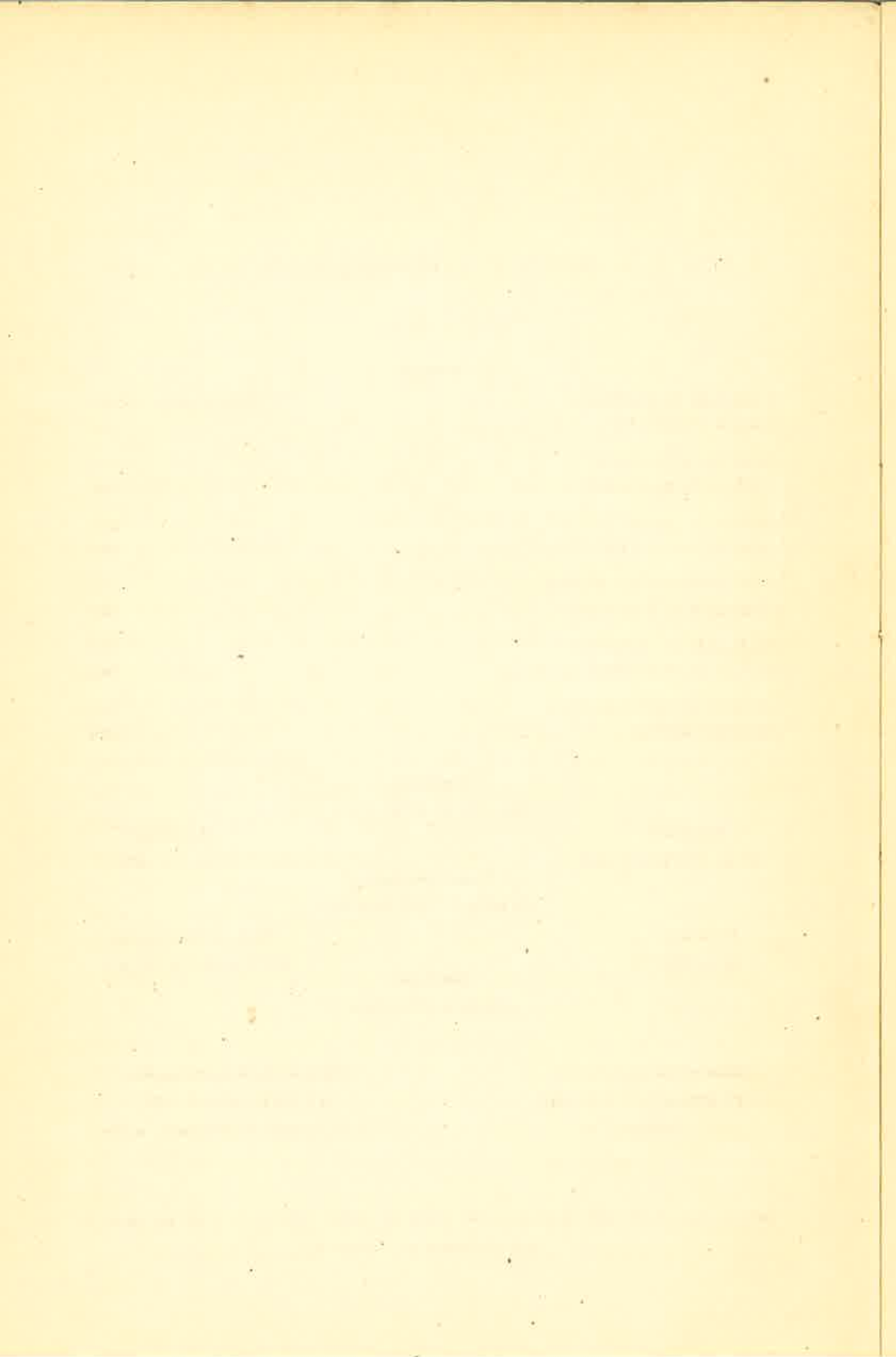
Office of the Corporation.

5 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Orders for work on lots may be given at either office, or sent by mail to
Superintendent at Cemetery.



REPORT.

THE usual routine of the cemetery has been unbroken during the past year. Grading has been continued, and improvements made as heretofore. There have been three thousand eight hundred and twenty-five linear feet of gutters paved; sixty-four iron fences, one hedge, and one granite curbing removed. On the Wattriss lot to the eastward of Glen Avenue, several hundred lots have been prepared and are ready for sale. In the necessary grading connected with the construction of the new and handsome granite catacomb tomb of Messrs. Flagler and Converse on Hazel Dell, about one thousand square feet of land has been rendered available for lots on Linden Path, offering as central and as fine locations as can be found in any part of the cemetery. Grading has also been done on Birch to Eagle and Cherry Avenues. The five acres of low land, called the Stone Meadow, east of Coolidge Avenue, where are located the stables and other buildings, have also been gradually filled up, and are now solid and firm for useful purposes. At the suggestion of a proprietor, some steps have already been taken for their adornment and further improvement.

A new double-walled fire-proof brick safe has been built during the past year, measuring eight by ten feet on the inside, at the superintendent's office in Cambridge, for the storage of valuable papers. The importance of having some place for such storage was impressed upon the trustees by their compulsory removal from the old office, No. 16 Pemberton Square, to make room for the new Court House now being erected in the city of Boston. Should we be forced by circumstances to make another removal from our pres-

ent office, No. 5 in the same Square, we are now sure of a safe place of deposit for our registry and our records.

The Permanent Fund now amounts to \$264,404.06. The increase of the past year has been from one-third part of the sales of lots, \$5,298, and from interest on that part of the new fund of \$300,000 which has already accumulated, \$2,221.30, amounting in all to \$7,519.30. At this rate of increase the accumulation of the \$500,000, which is to constitute the Permanent Fund, will be reached at a period not far from the year nineteen hundred and ten. But the rate will probably not be so rapid during the later years of this period, and a somewhat longer term must be allowed for its accretion. It is equally difficult to determine the time when the whole area of the cemetery will be occupied, and no more lots remain to be sold. It may be about the same period the accumulation of the Permanent Fund is reached; it may be that a longer time will be required. Our present experience in developing the grounds and finding choice and unoccupied space, which we had not anticipated, would seem to point to the longer period. Should it be deemed practicable and expedient in the future to add further territory to the cemetery, the day of final complete occupation will be put off still longer. But of this, however, we have good reason to feel assured that when that time is reached we shall undoubtedly be in possession of ample funds to insure the preservation and adornment of the cemetery.

The Repair Fund last year amounted to \$452,200.96. The unusually large addition of \$44,451.29 this year brings that fund up to the sum of \$496,652.25.

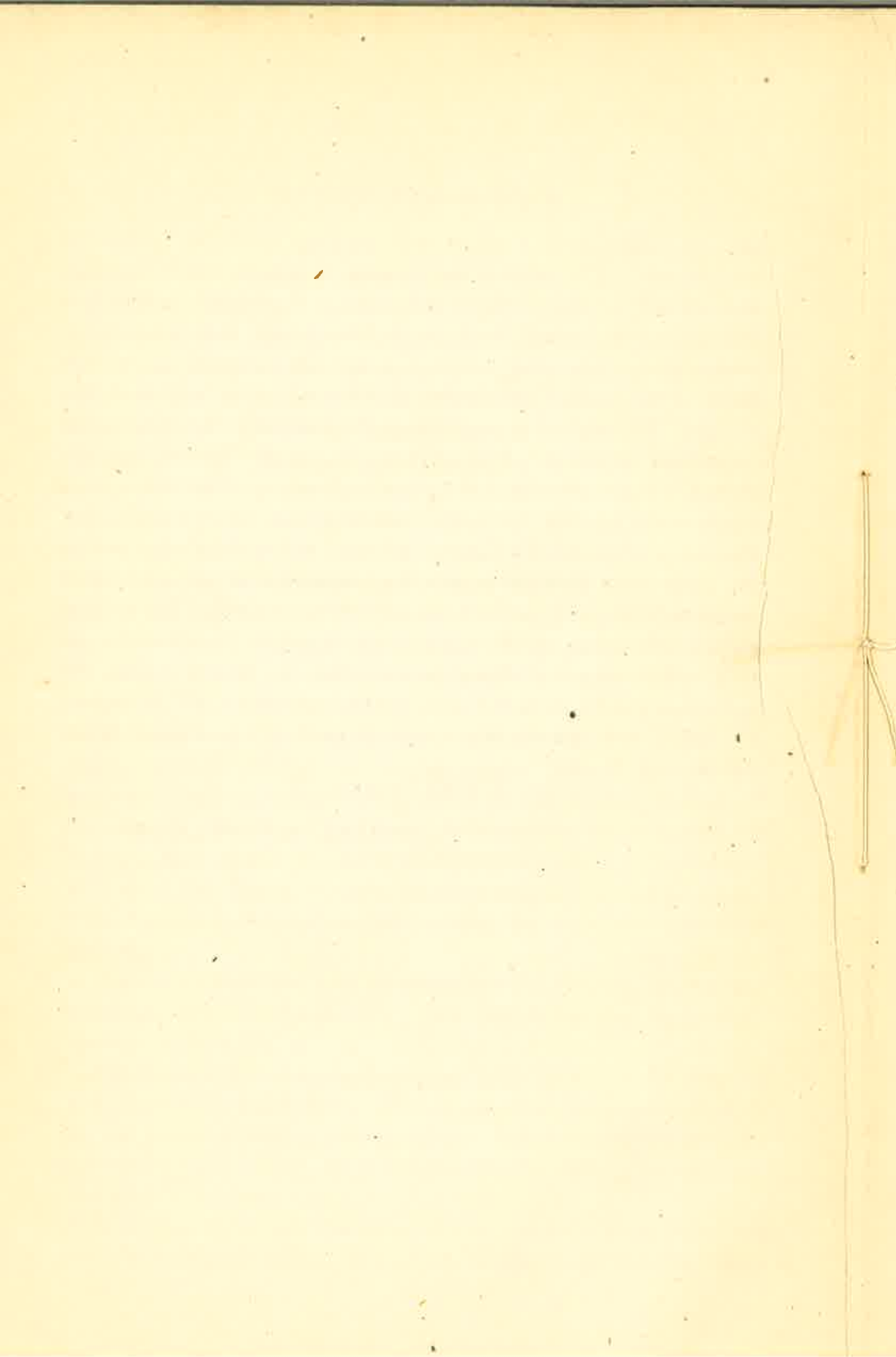
The General Fund has also increased by the sum of \$7,351.93, and now amounts to \$46,242.26. It is to this fund that we are to look for the means of making general repairs, and extending our facilities for watering and taking care of the grounds, for fences, green-houses, and similar purposes.

In our last report the attention of the proprietors was called "to the old-fashioned tombs, consisting of one vault for the recep-

tion of coffins, with a single door opening above the surface of the ground." The offer of the trustees to remove these tombs on the request of the owners; and make re-interments in the lots without charge, unless brick graves, resodding, and corner posts were required, has been accepted in several instances, and we believe to the perfect satisfaction of those who have requested this change. The general appearance of the lots has in all these cases been much improved. It is not, however, on this ground that this change is recommended, but for sanitary reasons. Modern science emphatically teaches the danger resulting from decomposition, and the escape of germs of infectious diseases; and to this danger neither the proprietors themselves nor the employees of the corporation ought to be exposed, when it can possibly be avoided. The trustees refrain from enlarging on a topic so disagreeable. They would, however, call the attention of proprietors to the offer made last year, and again renewed by them this year, in the hope that it will be so fully availed of as to remove this source of peril and annoyance in the future.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,
President.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn :

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	46
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded	52
“ old lots bounded with granite posts	14
“ lots enclosed with granite	0
“ lots enclosed with iron fence	1
“ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	140
“ tombs removed	4
“ headstones erected	315
“ monuments erected	41
“ linear feet of gutters paved	3,825
“ iron fences removed	64
“ hedges removed	1
“ granite curbing removed	1

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report	25,427
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886 . . .	451
“ removals from other cemeteries	52
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Total number of interments for the year	508
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“ “ “ in cemetery	25,930
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	27
“ “ “ “ interments in public lots	40

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS : —

To public lots	8
To private lots	39
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Total removals within the cemetery	47
“ “ from the cemetery	29
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Total number of removals	76

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year		\$17,857.62
He has received from sundry parties, —		
For sale of lots	\$17,509.01	
“ deposits in receiving tomb	949.00	
		\$18,458.01
For deeds, transfers, etc.		196.00
“ labor and material on lots		49,454.92
Interest on loan		690.40
Loans		14,500.00
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on Permanent Fund		8,000.00
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —		
Grading Birch to Eagle and Cherry Avenues	\$1,053.57	
“ Glen Avenue (Watriss lot)	1,570.12	
“ Linden Path	465.94	
One quarter of	\$3,089.63	772.41
		92,071.74
		\$109,929.36

FOR THE 55TH YEAR, 1886.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —	
For labor (pay roll)	\$37,618.86
“ materials	16,264.64
“ repairs of buildings and fences	1,162.56
	<hr/> \$55,045.56
For expenses, — salaries	7,353.98
“ office expenses	2,111.32
“ taxes on real estate	623.52
“ insurance	30.00
“ loans	14,500.00
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	4,234.50
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Com- pany for Permanent Fund	5,298.00
To graves purchased	\$87.00
“ new receiving-tomb drawback	33.00
	<hr/> 120.00
	<hr/> \$89,316.88
Balance in hands of Treasurer	20,612.48
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	<hr/> \$109,929.36

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hand of Treasurer, as per last report	\$22,190.96	
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	\$78,000.00	
“ endowments	36,249.50	
“ income of investments	25,263.89	
		<u>139,513.89</u>
		<u>\$161,704.35</u>
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	\$17,062.10	
“ notes receivable	139,500.00	
		<u>\$156,562.10</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer	5,142.25	
		<u>\$161,704.35</u>

REPAIR FUND.**PROPERTY.**

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	\$452,200.96	
Additions during the year	44,451.29	
		<u>\$496,652.25</u>
Invested as follows: —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	\$473,700.00	
\$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		<u>\$491,510.00</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer	5,142.25	
		<u>\$496,652.25</u>

GENERAL FUND.**CASH ASSETS.**

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$20,612.48	
Loan	15,000.00	
Bills for labor and material uncollected	\$11,983.77	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,353.99	
		<u>10,629.78</u>
		<u>\$46,242.26</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		\$256,884.76
Deposited in December, 1886	\$5,298.00	
Interest	2,221.30	
		<hr/> 7,519.30
		<hr/> \$264,404.06

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Jan. 1, 1887.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$20,612.48, and in the fund for repairs, \$5,142.25.

T. QUINCY BROWNE, }
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

Boston, Jan. 11, 1887.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows : —

DONATION IN TRUST. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance ; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL
REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO
CORPORATION, IN TRUST."

[Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1887.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.	
100 square feet.	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the nearest 100 feet.
300 " "	3.00	2.00	
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6.00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors will find blank order below, which they can fill and mail to Superintendent, Cambridge. ~~✂~~ Erase what is not wanted.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on Lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

To the Superintendent of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

Cambridge, Mass.

Please take care of my lot No....., this year,

and put in.....plants, and top-dress.

Sending bill to

Address,.....

.....1887.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Pemberton Square,

BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1887.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 7, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.